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Fri. May 13, 6 p.m.
Marian Centre and the Quad

Graduation Recognition Ceremony, Mass and Commencement

Sat. Apr. 14, 11 a.m.
United Methodist Church of
the Resurrection

Memorial Day - Observed

Mon. May 31
Avila closed

First 4-week and 8-week Summer classes begin

Mon. June 6

Independence Day - Observed

Mon. July 4
Avila closed

Beginning of 2nd 4-week Summer classes begin

Tues. July 5

Wed. Aug. 24

Fall day classes begin

Talon staff rakes in MCMAs

Josh Nolen

Staff Writer

April 9, 2005 was the night many awards were handed to newspaper staffs of many Missouri universities. The Talon and its staff received one first place award at this year's MCMA Annual Spring Conference.

The conference began on Friday night and continued into Saturday with optional workshops for students and advisors. A banquet was held at Garozzo's restaurant on Saturday evening where the award winners were announced.

Schools were divided into four divisions according to their size. The Talon competed

in division three with schools like Park University, Evangel University and Southwest Baptist University.

The only first place award given to the Talon was for its News Section Front produced by Donna Jungman, Jessica Giannola, Cassi Kline and Marie Shelton.

Second place awards went to Joel Ross, Sports Column; Jessica Giannola, Cassi Kline and Marie Shelton, Special Section.

Third-place winners were Nick Zicarelli, News Writing; Joel Ross, Sports Column; Nicole Sowders, Lance Schmittling and Shannon Degitz, Editorial Page; Katie McRoberts, Lance Schmittling and Shannon Degitz, Photo

Page.

Honorable mention winners were Nicole Sowders and Katie McRoberts, Editorial Writing; Marie Shelton, Max Thompson, Cassi Kline and Jessica Giannola, Feature Page; Angie Alford, Shannon Degitz, and Lance Schmittling, Feature Page.



Seniors Celeccio Hernandez, Kevin Furderer, Dennys Rodriguez and David Garner stand with Dr. Dotty Hamilton on senior portfolio day.



Professors Kasey Riley and Dr. Benjamin Meade converse with students.

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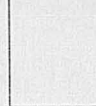
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Tuition increase expected

Josh Nolen
Staff Writer

Beginning the 2005-2006 school year, Avila is increasing tuition again. It will be raised to \$16,300 a year.

The tuition will increase 1,800 dollars from last year's total of \$15,500. This is an overall 3.9 percent tuition increase. State institutions increased tuition 20-25 percent this year. This is the result of decreased state funding. Each year the tuition is inevitably going to increase.

"It is going to be harder for me to pay the tuition if it keeps going up like this," junior Rachel VanMeerhaeghe said.

Avila is based on tuition like any other private school.

Private schools don't receive as much assistance from state or federal funds like state schools.

Students are wondering why the tuition is increasing and where their money is going. The tuition increase is an institution's decision. Avila has two major money providers: tuition and funding.

"Any tuition increase is a big deal. We are trying to make sure the students don't experience the increase," Vice President of Enrollment Services Paige White Illum said.

Because Avila is tuition driven, it must provide the students with the proper tools so students can do the work they need to. One of the reasons Avila's tuition is increasing is that administrators are trying

to keep up with technological advances. They are trying to provide students with new technology to help them with schoolwork.

Avila is trying to provide students the technology that students themselves are unable to afford. Last year students were unable to use the library's resources outside of the library. The school now provides students the Proxy Server so they can do so. When the library is closed and students need materials for class, they can get them through the Proxy server by logging in and searching for the materials.

"I am not shocked that this is a technology-driven age. We are trying to provide the appropriate resources to help make the student's college

experience a positive one," Illum said.

Avila also wants to provide students with classroom tools for their college experience. The school is providing rooms with televisions and DVD players. The tuition is also being used to improve classrooms inside and out. Money is also being used for improvements to the campus grounds. The upkeep is needed to make Avila look respectable to the public.

"I understand why the school raises tuition, every school has to. What bothers me is there is no relief for students that do well. If a student makes the dean's list each year, wouldn't a decrease in tuition make more sense than a letter to your parents and a dinner? I

just think you should get a break for working hard," junior Max Thompson said.

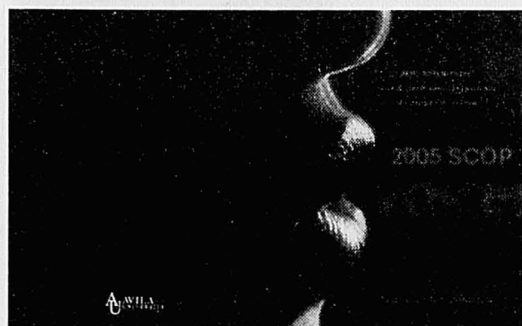
Recently Republicans pushed a \$2.57 trillion budget through the House Committee. This budget plan is trying to take away some of the United States' deficits by making cuts in domestic programs. These programs include Medicaid, farm assistance and lenders of student loans. This means student loans will be affected because of the decrease in funding lenders will receive.

In the upcoming years students are going to be affected by this increase in tuition and decrease in funds. Who will be affected by this more, the school or the students?

Literary magazine published at Avila

Amanda King
Contributing Writer

Think the Talon is the only living publication around campus? Think again. The *Scop*, a literary publication open to Avila students and alumni has created a refreshing new voice throughout the campus.



Scop cover offers invitation to new voices.

"We decided to go with a theme of 'voices,' because we really want readers to get that writing is a voice. As in previous years, the *Scop* has a wide variety of voices this year, reflecting the

diversity among Avila students," senior Chandra Burks said.

The *Scop* published its first edition in the spring of 1993, which makes the current issue the 13th edition. The name *Scop* refers to an Old English poet or minstrel; however, the magazine is anything but old or outdated. Designer Debbie Seigler has created a look for the publication that exemplifies the *Scop*'s new image.

"Using the ideas of the editorial staff concerning the look of the *Scop*, she [Seigler] finds and creates images to represent those ideas," Burks said.

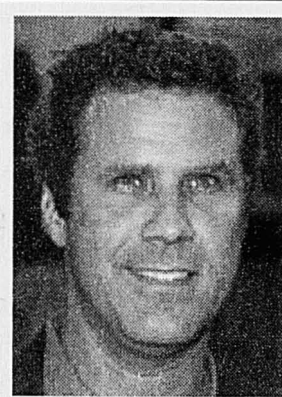
Anyone assuming the *Scop* is trivial compared to other area literary magazines has assumed incorrectly. The *Scop* offers not only a new look, but also a new theme and four categories in which writers may submit to: non-fiction, fiction, poetry and drama.

As well as free submission to the publication, the *Scop* sponsors creative activities and events each year. There will be an open-mic program in Fall 2005 and another in Spring 2006.

"In my experience with the editions I've done," faculty advisor Stanley Banks said, "The *Scop* is on the same level as any area student (literary) magazine, which includes UMKC's *Number One* and *The Rockurst Review*."

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Famous Faces



Will Ferrell
Actor-Comedian



Mark Teel
Student

Do you know someone on campus
who reminds you of a celebrity?

The Talon is looking for
Avila's famous faces.

To nominate someone, send us their name, phone number, and a photo along with the name of the celebrity you think they favor. You must also include your name and phone number.

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Students irked by security

Nathan Brandt
Staff Writer

Security on Avila's campus has been an issue throughout the past three months. Students relying on safety measures to be taken by security to prevent problems in the future have been damaged by the relationship between security and students during daily encounters.

Security around campus is hardly seen by most students, and if they are, most keep to themselves. A rapport must be established between the guards and the students. If guards alienate themselves from the student population, students will begin to feel as if they are under attack.

"I feel that security is out to get me, every time I try to receive help from a guard, a different problem will occur no matter what the situation," senior Kevin Furdur said.

A lot of students have jobs and must have access to certain facilities after hours.

"Having security standing over my shoulder in the mac lab as I am trying to complete a project for my class, makes me feel like I am a criminal," Furdur said.

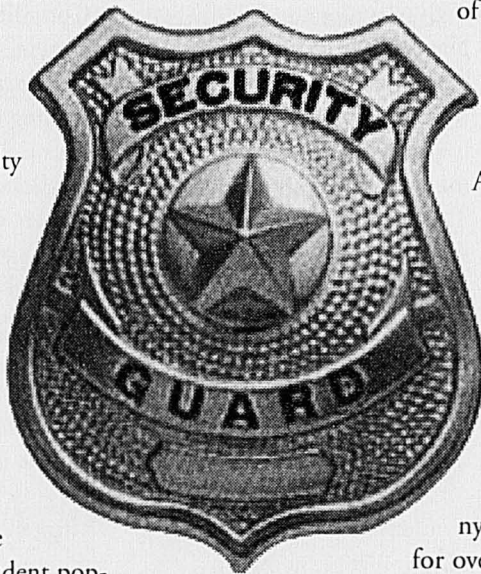
Not only have the problems with security

been distracting around campus this semester, but also many complaints have come from previous semesters. Cars have been broken into and damaged, and security was nowhere to be found.

"My car was broken into outside of the lot by the tennis courts and no measures of action were taken. What's the point of having them around?" sophomore Ashley Schouten said.

A transition has taken place with security at Avila and the man behind the work is Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs Joseph Deighton. About three weeks ago Avila had called it quits with an anonymous security company that staffed security at Avila for over forty years. To ensure high-quality of security at Avila Deighton took actions into his own hands and is going to hire security within Avila, rather than working with security companies.

"I feel we can do better on our own," Deighton said, "By hiring security guards through Avila we'll allow people with experience of being around students and ensure friendly relationships rather than overpowering security guards. The transition is for the better of the institution and students," Deighton said.



Walking is overrated

Christy White
Contributing Writer

Imagine waking up one morning, getting in a car accident and having a doctor tell you there's a possibility that you will never be able to walk again. For most people, they may feel as if their life is over. People make a huge deal about walking, but it is really overrated.

On March 30, GAP (Group Activity Programming) & DAG (Disability Advocacy Group) sponsored, "Walking Is Overrated" in the Mabee Fieldhouse. The speaker was Matt Glowacki, a U.S. National Sit-Volleyball team member.

Glowacki was born in Janesville, Wis. His birth drew attention because even though he was healthy, he was born without legs. From the beginning, his parents made sure to provide him with every opportunity to participate in a normal life.

While attending the University of Wisconsin and playing wheelchair basketball, Glowacki developed and administered a community awareness program entitled, "What It Takes: Cornerstones for Success." Glowacki brought the program, his messages, and competitive wheelchair sports to over 25,000 students across the state of Wisconsin.

In Oct. 1999, Glowacki began focusing on three of his own businesses, MOGO Wheelchairs, a very successful wheelchair building and sales business, Glow Music, a mobile disc jockey and entertainment service, and Myriad Communications, his speaking and consulting company.



Glowacki loves competitive sports. He earned his position on the USA Paralympics Team for Sit-Volleyball in June of 1998 after he participated in the World Championships in Washington, D.C. He traveled and competed internationally with the team and attended the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney, Australia, and the 2002 World Championships in Cairo, Egypt.


Glowacki has not let anything keep him from accomplishing his goals. Especially his life-long endeavor to educate people on the meaning of the word "handicapped."

"You will find zest for life in relationships, friendships, and within yourself when you find something that you really love to do... believe me, I love everything I do," Glowacki said.



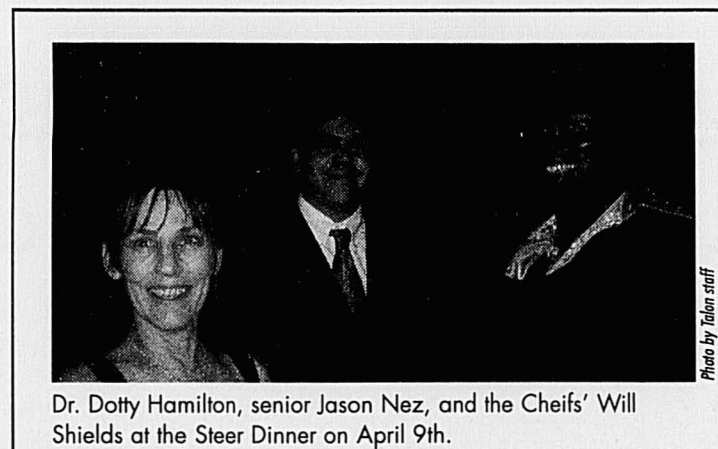
Matt Glowacki offered his point of view to Avila students.



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Dr. Dotty Hamilton, senior Jason Nez, and the Chiefs' Will Shields at the Steer Dinner on April 9th.

Weister enjoys Scotland visit

Donna Jungman
News editor

Keri Weister had a four and a half hour train ride to Scotland on Friday morning. As she was trying to fall asleep, her noisy car was filled with drunken rugby rowdies who kept her awake. But despite the noise, her ride was quite pleasant. She had a great view of the ocean for quite sometime. As she walked to her hostel (boarding house) in Edinburgh, Scotland, the steep hills she walked along reminded her of San Francisco.

There were about 35 other people on the school-funded trip with Weister. Some of the students accompanying those from Avila, attend Webster University.

They all divided into groups of four and six, and those in their group became roommates. The hostel they stayed in was much nicer than the one they stayed in at Amsterdam.

After getting settled, the groups were on their own, ready to explore the culture of Scotland. Weister and six other of her schoolmates were set to

find thrift shops to buy second hand kilts. Two of her male schoolmates bought kilts for the costly price of \$140.

"Ryan wore his out of the shop, so we were walking around Edinburgh with a guy wearing a kilt, so classic," Weister said.

Later, they met up with the rest of the school at a pub called Maggie Dickinson's. Maggie Dickinson's has a challenge called the seven deadly sins. It is seven cocktails named after the seven sins. Weister along with three other schoolmates was up to the challenge to win a free t-shirt. They continuously drank until they drank all seven sins and claimed their prize.

They then went to Edinburgh Castle. The group hung out in the castle for a while until they decided to go to a mountain and take pictures. Weister wasn't up for that, so she and a friend decided to go to Wal-Mart. They had to find a bus to get there, but they did not know what number to take. A few courteous people on the sidewalk helped Weister and her friend find the correct stop for

the bus. They found the bus before they found the stop.

"The bus driver wouldn't let us get on when it wasn't a stop, we even tried pounding on the door, but he wouldn't let us in," Weister said.

After making the trip to Wal-Mart they spent an hour buying food to make spaghetti and breakfast for the next morning. They headed back to the hostel and Weister began making dinner for everyone. After dinner, the group set out for another night in Scotland. They ended up in small kabob shop singing songs from the *American Pie* soundtrack and four Scottish men joined in during the chorus.

The next morning they had to check out of the hostel at 10 a.m. and they decided to go shopping. Weister found a set of mini bagpipes. She also found her family name in the archives. She bought the seal and the history of her family.

After shopping they headed home and that was the end of Scotland. "It was a great country and I would definitely go back again," Weister said.

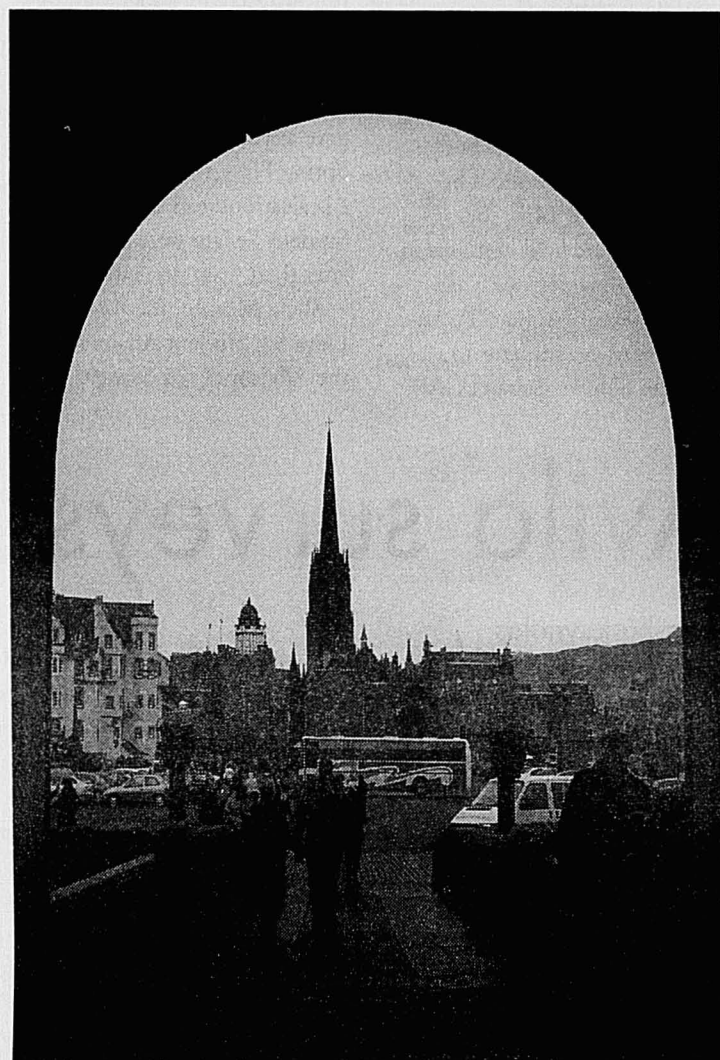


Photo Courtesy of Keri Weister

Keri's birdseye view of cathedral in Scotland

Canned goods drive a success

Malik Kincheloe
Contributing Writer

The primary objective of a canned food drive is to help Harvesters, a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding the needy. Another objective? Increase awareness of activities taking place at Avila by helping collect 1,500 pounds of food.

Last year the Public Relations class worked with Harvesters on two different drives. One drive was held on campus and consisted of barrels placed throughout the buildings. The drive was held during Spring Fling because Avila students are more aware of the events, taking place on campus. They also took advantage of field day, because not



only did this appeal to residents in the residence halls, it also appealed to commuters.

One group of students sent out letters to each professor on campus and asked if students donated cans in return if they could receive extra credit. The communications department accepted this offer to help promote a drive to their students.

Students stopped by booths, asked questions and participated in the events. This was successful

due to the barrels around campus and the field day as a secondary source of fun if people got bored or tired of one event.

The second useful strategy was to hold a canned food drive off campus involving Avila. Last year the public relation group held a drive at the local Wal-Mart on State Line Road. One week they placed a total of four barrels, two at each entrance, and two at the exit doors of Wal-Mart. This allowed people to go inside and purchase cans and donate them on the way out.

One day during the drive, students set up outside and promoted the drive. Dominic the Eagle (Avila Mascot) and a cheerleader helped promote the drive and proved to be a success with kids. The Eagle grabbed the children's attention as they walked inside the store.

Student Senate wants you

Christy White
Contributing Writer

The Student Senate represents the voice of the student body on all university issues. On Thursday, April 14th, the Student Senate held elections in the quad for the upcoming 2005-2006 school year. As an incentive to get students to vote, the Student Senate, GAP

(Group Activity Programming), Wellness, RHA (Residence Hall Association), BSU (Black Student Union), and ADCP gave anyone who voted a free Spring Fling t-shirt.

Applications and ballots for the Student Senate were due no later than 5pm on April 15th.

Alicia Murillo, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and the Advisor of the Student

Senate for six years was present. Murillo actively took part in encouraging students to vote.

"There are several opportunities for more senators in the Student Senate. Some schools aren't properly represented like Nursing and Ed psych," Murillo said.

The President of the Senate, Kara Wessel, was also one of the many participants present in the

Quad. "The Student Senate is a great organization to be involved with. You can meet new people and do fun things while voicing the opinion of the student body," Wessel said.

The Student Senate meets every Thursday at 2pm in the Foyle Chapel. All students are welcome to attend any meeting.

Avila surveys students

Natasha Reynolds
Contributing Writer

During the week of April 11th, Avila's Assessment Coordinating Council distributed Campus Life questionnaires throughout the campus in an attempt to identify the needs and expectations of its students, faculty, and staff. The questionnaires were anonymous, took approximately 15 minutes from start to complete, and were meant to serve as an instrument to discover how successful Avila's teachers are in teaching and students are in learning.

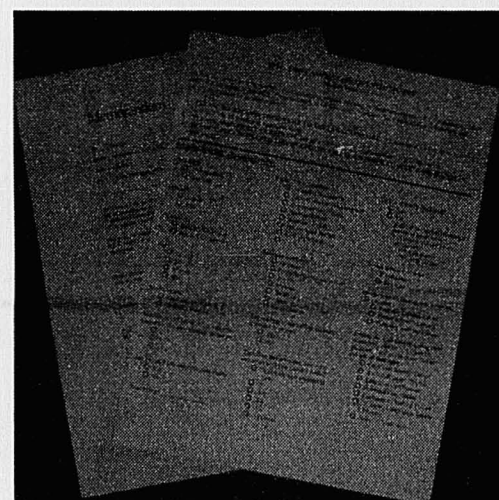
Joe Haimowitz, Ph.D., Division of Business and Economics, says of the questionnaires, "they are to see how well the campus works...how students perceive what takes place on the campus." Although it is hoped that every graduate and undergraduate student fill one

out, it is not required.

A total of 800 students filled out the questionnaires the last time that they were given out, answering questions regarding the Library and Registrar office hours and so on. Haimowitz also says of the questionnaires, "they ask about the values that are being demonstrated...is Avila as a whole doing what it's supposed to be doing?"

After all of the data has been collected, the results are tallied and compared with the previous years'. In the future, the questions will be presented in an alternate fashion so that the data-gathering process runs smoothly and quickly. Currently, the data entry process is rather cumbersome, due to the limited number of people available to help tally the results. At the current rate, the results should be available to interested parties at the end of summer. These include

the Financial Aid office and Dining Hall as well as the general public.



Interesting Facts

Teen drug use

According to a new study, more teens had abused a prescription painkiller in 2004 than Ecstasy, cocaine, crack or LSD.

Percentage of teens who have tried ...

Marijuana	37%
Inhalants	19%
Vicodin	18%
OxyContin	10%
Ritalin/Adderall	10%
Cough medicine	9%
Crack/Cocaine	9%
Ecstasy	9%
Methamphetamine	8%
LSD	6%
Ketamine	5%
Heroin	4%
GHB	4%

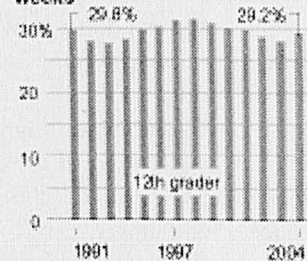
SOURCE: Partnership for a Drug-Free America

AP

Teen binge drinking

American teenagers were surveyed on their drinking habits. The trend showed a decline from the last decade.

Students who had five drinks or more in a row in the last two weeks



SOURCE: Monitoring the Future study, University of Michigan

AP

Most teens have visited a chat room

According to a survey, 62 percent of teens who visit the Internet daily have entered a chat room, while only a quarter of parents worry "a lot" about their teens being contacted by a stranger online.

Have ever used a chat room

Teens	55%
Adults	26%

Teens who have ...

Received e-mail or instant message (IM) from a stranger

60%

Exchange e-mail or IM with strangers

50%

Lied about their age to access a Web site

15%

SOURCE: Pew Internet & American Life Project

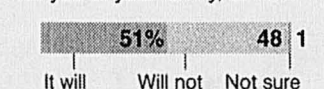
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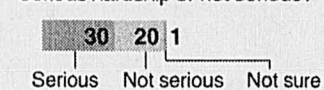
Gas prices affecting half of population

More than 50 percent say rising gas prices are causing hardship, according to a poll conducted by Ipsos Public Affairs for The Associated Press and America Online.

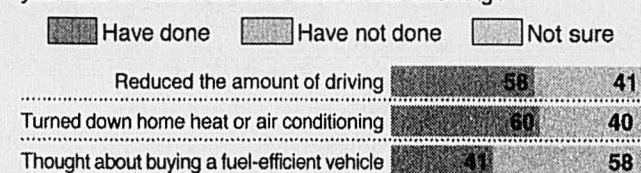
Over the next six months, do you expect that increases in the price of gasoline will cause hardship for you or your family, or not?



Do you expect that will be a serious hardship or not serious?



As a result of recent increases in energy prices, would you say you have or have not done each of the following?



SOURCE: Ipsos Public Affairs for AP and AOL

AP

Trouble hits Trinity campus

BANNOCKBURN, Ill. (AP) - A black college student was charged with a hate crime Tuesday for allegedly mailing racist threats to fellow minorities on campus, apparently because she was homesick and wanted to convince her parents the school was dangerous, authorities said.

The hate mail at 3,300-student Trinity International University spread fear among blacks and Hispanics on campus and prompted authorities at the Christian school to move more than 40 minorities out of their dormitories and into a hotel last week.

Alicia Hardin, 19, of Chicago was charged with dis-

orderly conduct and a hate crime. The hate crime charge carries up to five years in prison.

She confessed to police on Monday, saying she was unhappy at Trinity and wanted to leave, said Lt. Ron Price.

"It's kind of a sad story actually," Price said.

The letters were sent to three students over the past three weeks. The third letter contained a threat to use a weapon against a black female student.

Minority students returned to classes Monday after many spent the weekend at the hotel or with friends and relatives away from campus.

"This is an agonizing

moment for Trinity, one that is unprecedented for our university," Trinity President Greg Waybright said in a statement after the arrest. "We are heartbroken by this revelation because we consider each student a member of our family. We also have a sense of relief because this difficult situation appears to be resolved."

Hardin was being held on \$5,000 bail. The public defender's office, appointed to represent her, did not immediately return calls.

The targeted students were all enrolled at Trinity College, the university's undergraduate school. About one-quarter of the college's 1,000 students are

minorities. The school is about 25 miles north of Chicago.

University spokesman Gary Cantwell said after the arrest: "It's a comforting thing to know that this wasn't really about race."

Cantwell said no decision has been made about disciplining Hardin if she wants to continue at Trinity. "We are a small, close-knit community, and we feel like because one of our family members had this problem there is a sadness about that," he said.

Students relocated after mailed threats

Trinity International University officials moved dozens of minority students into a hotel for safety on Friday after three students received threatening, racially motivated hate mail.



SOURCE: ESRI

AP

Avila honors student leaders

Wes Backes

Natasha Reynolds

Contributing Writers

Avila's annual Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony was held on Sunday, April 24th, 2005. The goal of the ceremony is to "recognize student involvement, leadership, and service to the Avila Community". Joe Deighton, Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs, was the Master of Ceremonies. Elizabeth Bohnert was given the Sister Ellen Marie Gavin Award. This Award is named after Sister Ellen Marie Gavin who has supported and contributed to Campus Ministry for many years. Bohnert received the award, which is given each year, in recognition of her dedicated service to Campus Ministry. In order to be



nominated for the award, a student must possess a generous spirit, be involved in Campus Ministry activities, as well as other campus activities, and have good qualities of leadership.

Bohnert was a freshman when she joined Campus Ministry in the fall of 2001. In joining Campus Ministry, she knew that she "could grow in (her) faith

in God". As a Catholic, she wanted to help others. She also joined the ministry because "it was a very good way for (her) to interact with other people." She was inspired by the other team members because they were very dedicated to the cause.

Bohnert has done a variety of activities through Campus Ministry. She has been to Naz Farm, in West Virginia, twice where she helped build and repair houses for the poor. She has also worked in many soup kitchens with Salvation Army. Through Campus Ministry, she has also participated in Antioch. Antioch is a weekend retreat where participants attempt to raise awareness about the living conditions of homeless people by sleeping outside in cardboard boxes. She has also participated in Community Nights, which Campus Ministry puts on every Tuesday night. A few of the activities are bingo games with the residents of Villa Ventura, a retirement home; reading Scripture from the Bible; bowling; and egg hunts.

Please congratulate the following students who received awards at the Avila Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony on Sunday, April 24th.

AVILA UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION CEREMONY 2005 AWARD RECIPIENTS

ST. CATHERINE MEDAL

This award is sponsored by Kappa Gamma Pi, the National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society. The special medal is named after Saint Catherine of Alexandria, a third century woman renowned for her

love of learning. Sophomore women with a 3.5 grade point average or higher who registered for at least 9 credits during the fall semester are eligible.
Deonna Bouye

ST. THOMAS MORE MEDAL

Sophomore men with a 3.5 grade point average or higher who registered for at least 9 credits during the fall semester are eligible.
Kyle Kelsay

HEART OF AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE - A.O. DUER AWARD

Outstanding junior student of any NAIA intercollegiate athletic team who has excelled academically as well as athletically.
Jessica Collins

SR. ELLEN MARIE GAVIN AWARD

Avila University's Sr. Ellen Marie Gavin Award is named after Sr. Ellen Marie Gavin who has been a long time supporter and contributor to Campus Ministry. The award is given each year to a student in recognition of dedicated service to Campus Ministry. The criteria for selection includes, among other things, possession of a generous spirit, involvement in Campus Ministry activities as well as other campus activities, and good qualities of leadership.

Elizabeth Bohnert

Avila honors student leaders

SPIRIT OF AVILA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Honored by the Student Affairs Division for the many ways in which they have positively exemplified the spirit of Avila in service to the campus community.

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| 1. Asher, Dani | 20. Gwinn, Curtis |
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| 3. Binkley, Jamie | 22. Hornback-Hood, Traci |
| 4. Boehner, Betsy | 23. Johnson, Stephanie |
| 5. Boles, Brandon | 24. Mahoney, Erin |
| 6. Boley, Rachel | 25. Martinez, Whitney |
| 7. Bouye, Deonna | 26. Maysent, Ambry |
| 8. Bredehoeft, Kristi | 27. Mead, Nicole |
| 9. Brown, Lauren | 28. Murphy, Amanda |
| 10. Buchan, Michele | 29. Reid, Brittny |
| 11. Burns, Tiara | 30. Rich, Jennifer |
| 12. Butler, Charla | 31. Smith, Alyshia |
| 13. Calfas, Matthew | 32. Spenard, Jamie |
| 14. Caton, Allison | 33. Wang, Wei-Chu |
| 15. Chang, Chiao-Chun | 34. Wegman, Whitney |
| 16. Cook, Kathy | 35. Williams, Rachel |
| 17. Davis, Amber | 36. Wise, Deborah |
| 18. Fryer, Emily | 37. Wright, Kenisha |
| 19. Gleeson, Theresa | 38. Yu, Yue (Jason) |

OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD

Each student organization had the opportunity to recognize their outstanding members.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION NAME OF OUTSTANDING MEMBER

1. ACDP Kathryn Graziano
2. ASNO Kristen Seager
3. Kappa Delta Pi/AEA Allie Maclean
4. Psi Chi/Psychology Club Michele Buchan
5. BSU Chamene Woods
6. GAP Theresa Gleeson
7. The Talon Jason Nez

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Student Organizations have the opportunity to recognize their advisor for their hard work and dedication by nominating them for the advisor of the year award.

1. Maria Hunt – Psi Chi & Psychology Club
2. Alicia Murillo – Student Senate
3. Carmen Coleman-Reeves – Black Student Union

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

To receive this award, an advisor must be nominated by a recognized student organization with an explanation as to why the advisor deserves this award. This award exemplifies the leadership and dedication an advisor gives to his or her student organization.

Alicia Murillo – Student Senate

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

To receive this award, a student organization must be an established Avila student organization, must be student run, student led, and a voluntary organization, and must have shown exemplary leadership for their members and the Avila community. All Avila student organizations have the opportunity to vote for this award.

Avila Concept, Design, and Production (ACDP)

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

Faculty, staff, and seniors in consideration for this most prestigious award nominated 146 seniors. From this group of 146, 15 recipients were identified. The following students were chosen in recognition of their contributions and service to Avila and the greater community, their demonstrated scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and co-curricular activities, and their potential for future achievement.

1. Elizabeth Bohnert
2. Matt Bruegging
3. Jeremy Cox
4. Christopher Dukes
5. Joshua Ellington
6. Molly Fonseca
7. Amanda Freeman
8. Kevin Furderer
9. Kathryn Graziano
10. Crystal Hartford
11. Cassandra Kline
12. John Mulnix
13. Simon Muturi
14. Kara Wessel
15. Lucas Wiester

ARISTON AWARD

The Ariston Award has been presented to one outstanding member of the senior class each year at Avila since 1954. It is the longest standing award of the college. To be considered eligible for this award, one must be a graduating senior and be nominated by members of the senior class and members of the Avila faculty or staff. Nominations are based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated scholarship
- Participation and leadership in academic and co-curricular activities
- Citizenship and service to Avila College and the community
- Potential for future achievement

The top nominees are chosen and required to submit a Candidate Information Questionnaire that asks for a listing of their involvement on or off campus and requires them to answer questions related to their involvement, their aspirations, their concerns with society and their efforts to contribute to Avila and the community at large. Semi-finalists are selected as recipients of the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Out of this elite group, five finalists were selected as the best of the best, students that met all the criteria of Who's Who, but who also best represent the mission, values and characteristics upon which Avila College was founded. A selection committee who selected the Ariston Award recipient personally interviewed these five finalists.

ARISTON FINALISTS

1. Elizabeth Bohnert
2. Molly Fonseca
3. Amanda Freeman
4. John Mulnix
5. Simon Muturi

ARISTON RECIPIENT

1. Elizabeth Bohnert



Avila Recognizes Honors Students

On Saturday April 23, 2005 the 19th Annual Honors Recognition and Banquet was held in Mabee Field house to recognize those students and faculty who have gone beyond their call of duty. Over 25 awards were given out including a number of Dean's list honorees. The awards consisted of titles such as Outstanding MBA student, Outstanding Theatre student, senior of the Year, and Professor of the Year.

The Dean's list honorees were found in nine departments of Avila University, honoring many students in each area. It was a full house for this event, and students from various departments came along to see their fellow classmates be honored for their achievements. The dinner for the banquet was said to be very nice and filling. And with the huge help of Carol and Bob Miller this banquet was a success.

The recipient of Senior of the Year was Mara Franke, who is graduating this year after a tough four years. Mara was very excited to receive such a special award, "I did not expect to get senior of the year, but it feels really good to be recognized for all the hard work." After graduation Mara plans to go to Santa Fe, New Mexico where she will work for the Santa Fe Opera Company working with the stage production crew. "It has been a great four years at Avila, and I thank every one that helped me along the way."

The Professor of the year award was given to Martha Blackman in the Nursing Department. Professor Blackman has been in the nursing department for 15 years and has enjoyed every minute. "I was totally surprised, I even think I blushed a little, but I'm extremely honored and thankful." Professor Blackman explained how she has a love for what she does and how her students and make her job even more enjoyable.

Every one that was honored at the banquet has worked hard for what they've got. And it's people like this who are our leaders and our mentors. These people are what make the world a better place and without a doubt they should be recognized for their achievements.

SCOP Awards

The Stanley E. Banks Poetry Award,
"Old Hippiess": Kathryn S. Gridley
The Mary Etta Benson Fiction Award,
"Photograph": Amy Morris
The Nancy Cervetti Essay Award,
"Starving Artists": Thomas Eugene Sullivan

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society

Chandra Burks
Amy Jespersen
Jaime Murdock
Melissa Vinson

The Humanities Dean's Award
for Outstanding English Majors
Chandra Burks

Senior of the Year and
Stanley B. Lloyd Award



Senior of the Year Award: Mara Franke
Stanley B. Lloyd Award: Danielle Laubach

Outstanding Theatre Student
Deonna Bouye

Women's Studies Scholarship
Amy Mallinson

Outstanding Paralegal Student Award
Mary Harriet Mitchell

Outstanding MBA Student Award
David Mingucci
Susan Randolph

Sr. Marie Georgette Eschbacher Award
Elementary Education: Barbara Deerr
Secondary Education: Lucas Wiester

Outstanding Graduate Teacher
Certification Award
Angela Pelaccio
Alysia Metcalf

Psi Chi Distinguished Scholar Award
Alexis Grace Garlotte

MSCP Promising Professional Award
Lane Stanton Laird

Most Outstanding Senior in Nursing at Avila
Kristen Seager

Missouri League for Nursing Outstanding
Graduating Student Nurse
Rachel Whitfield

Avila Advantage Student of the Year Award
Stacy Melia

Outstanding Biology Student
Richard Morrow

Honors Societies:

Kappa Gamma Pi

Molly Fonseca	Alexis Grace Garlotte
Crystal L. Hartford	Jennifer Klein
Nolen Roberson III	Diana Swafford

Delta Epsilon Sigma

Blake Carr	James Conover
Sarah Davis	Molly Fonseca
Alexis Grace Garlotte	Crystal L. Hartford
Jennifer Klein	Abbie Maring
Richard Morrow	Janelle Pansa
Nolen Roberson III	Joel Ross
Diana Swafford	Sarah York

Outstanding Student Award in Radiologic Science
Vanessa Petersen

Dorothy Gallagher Award
Elizabeth Guerrero

Sr. Martha Smith Award for History
Matthew Wilkie
Lucas Wiester

Outstanding Political Science Student Award
Caitlin Stephenson

Dallavis Outstanding Leadership
Award for Art and Design
Cassi Kline

Dallavis Award in Communication
Jessica Giannola

Into the woods

Wes Backes
Contributing Writer

"Into the woods" is the intertwining of several fairy tale characters and how they join together to get through the woods. The story is from the book by James Lapine with music by Stephen Sondheim.

"It is a journey for audiences they won't forget," director Bill Warren said.

With several weeks of rehearsal and hard work under the belt of the cast members, the play was a hit.

"Rehearsal was great, Bill Warren created a completely soothing atmosphere. Although, rehearsals were quite strenuous at times, Bill Warren was great to work with," junior Deonna Bouye said.

Each cast member had to do his or her part in preparing for the play, whether it was stage production or knowing his or her lines down to a "t." With

the set design by Mara Franke the play is sure to take viewers deep into the woods.

This play brought an hour and a half of entertainment and laughter, with great musi-

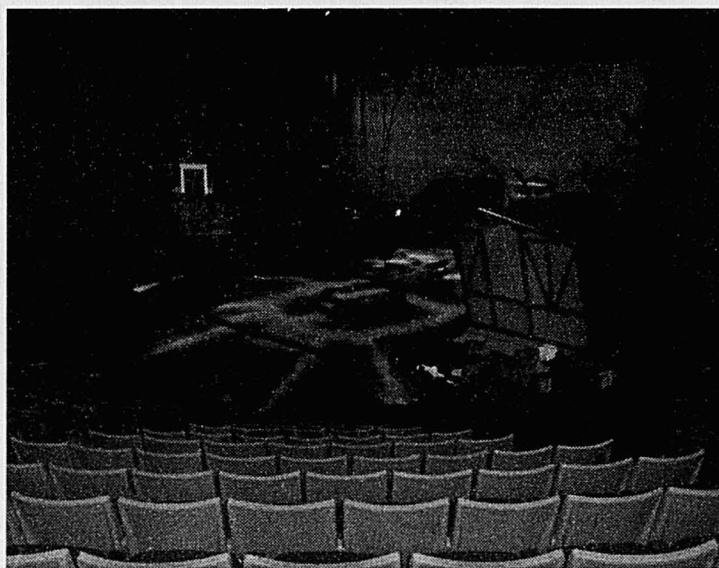
Basnight said.

The Production Staff selected the play, because they felt the talent of their department was capable of making it happen. "Into the Woods," is said

to be a difficult show to put on, but with a dedicated and talented cast and crew they were up to the challenge to make this play a success.

"Into the Woods" was the final show of an already amazing season. The success of

this department has been very noticeable, and leaves audiences pondering on what the future holds for Avila Theatre.



April 21-24th Goppert Theatre goers were taken "Into the Woods."

cal performances by all cast members and a set that is out of this world.

"The audience will be engrossed by the story, lifted by the music, and made joyful by the laughter," Warren said.

"Once you've entered those theatre doors you are no longer at Avila, you are in the woods," cast member Kim



Photo by Jason Hax

Avila artists at the Thornhill Gallery

Ben Digman
Contributing Writer

Closing out the school year at the Thornhill Gallery is the Senior Show, which opened Apr. 29, in Avila's Whitfield Center.

"This show is designed to highlight the work of Avila seniors in the art and design department and features their portfolios as well as personal work they individually choose to highlight," Thornhill Director Marci Aylward said. Artists featured in this year's show include students; Jeremiah Miles, Theresa

Jernigan, Cassi Kline, Jean Day, Patty Lewis, Kassie Graziano, Aaron Jackson and Linn Mayer.

"It is our final farewell to Avila. After strenuous years of dedication and hard

work, we, the students, have a chance to showcase the fruition of our work, not only to the Avila University community, but also our close friends and families," Miles said.

The Senior Show will be exhibited in the Thornhill Gallery through May 6. The opening reception was held Apr. 29, from 5-8 p.m.



Must see summer movies

Apr. 29
The Hitchhiker's Guide
Sam Rockwell & Mos Def
To the Galaxy

May 19
Star Wars Episode III:
Revenge of the Sith
Ewan McGregor &
Natalie Portman

May 27
The Longest Yard
Adam Sandler &
Chris Rock

May 27
Madagascar
Ben Stiller &
Jada Pinkett Smith

June 10
The Honeymooners
Cedric the Entertainer

June 17
Batman Begins

Christian Bale &
Cillian Murphy

June 24
Bewitched
Nicole Kidman &
Will Ferrell

June 29
War of the Worlds
Tom Cruise &
Dakota Fanning

July 8
Fantastic Four
Jessica Alba &
Michael Chiklis

July 15
Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory
Johnny Depp &
Freddie Highmore

July 15
The Wedding Crashers
Owen Wilson &
Vince Vaughn

Aug. 12
The Pink Panther
Steve Martin &
Beyonce Knowles

Sep. 23
Corpse Bride

Johnny Depp &
Helena Bonham Carter

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First journal moves forward

Jeremy Cox
A&E Editor

Avila Concept, Design and Production (ACDP) is pleased to announce the first edition of a published printed academic journal, "The Journal of Moving Image Studies."

This diverse student organization will design and layout the new journal which will be distributed worldwide representing the Center for Cognitive Studies of the Moving Image at the University of Central Arkansas (CCSMI). This juried publication is edited by Dr. Benjamin Meade of Avila and Dr. Wayne Munson of Fitchburg State in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and since 2002 has been available only on-line.

CCSMI has been working closely with ACDP to make the print journal a reality. Different than other academic journals

offering articles concerning "moving images," The Journal of Moving Image Studies seeks to provide a forum for scholars interested in bringing the

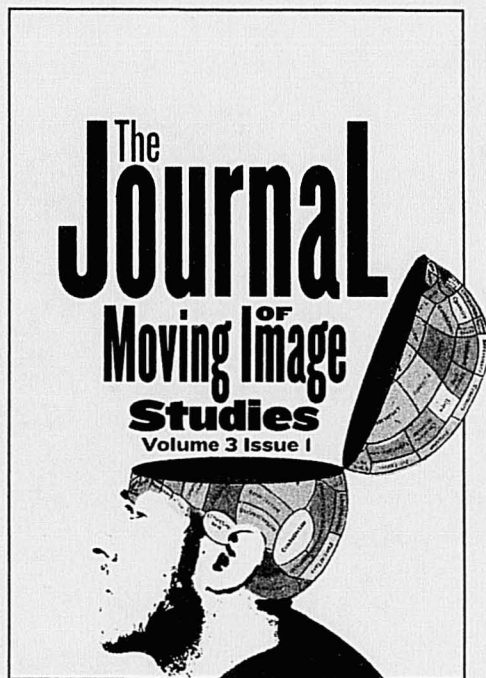
images of all kinds.

The Journal's focus is on investigation, synthesis and its goal is to function as an honest broker in the marketplace of ideas. The Journal is peer-reviewed and encourages a diversity of views and lively scholarly debate.

The collaboration between the Center for Cognitive Studies of the Moving Image and ACDP is a groundbreaking collaboration between scholars and undergraduate students in an attempt to broaden the information base concerning moving image studies.

For additional information on CCSMI check out uca.edu/org/ccsmi or the Journal of Moving Image Studies at avila.edu/departments/journal/index.htm, or contact Dr. Meade at

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methods and findings of cognitive sciences to bear upon theoretical issues related by viewing and understanding moving

Bloc party = UK invasion

Brandon Carter
Contributing Writer

Bloc Party is releasing "Silent Alarm" after much success in their homeland of the UK. There is no reason this album shouldn't do as well in the states as it has done across the pond. It is loaded with infectious dance grooves, thoughtful lyrics, and all the right tools to equip you for the musical revolution that may happen right before your eyes. With those things in mind, let me expound upon them.

Although this album contains previous released singles such as "Banquet," "Helicopter," "Positive Tension," "She's Hearing Voices," and "So Here We Are" it also contains a slew of other tracks that do more than their fair share of rock. Each of these new songs stands up and proves it is worthy of attention, and the previous released tracks keep you dancing and thinking just the same.

With their name itself being a political reference, some of their lyrics are really no different. In the song "Price of Gas" singer Kele Okereke sings "Taking care of/ cars and bodies/ nothing

ever/ comes for free/The ghosts are here/, red white and blue..." and in the song "Helicopter" we hear "Why can't you be/ more European/ bastard child of guilt and shame/ bury your head/ in the sand/ I'm thinking six, six, six, / I'm thinking six/ Are you hoping for a miracle? / It's not enough..."



So it seems that these guys are no strangers to getting political. There are a few ballads on this disc too that aren't as dance oriented, but the flare still remains through the use of electronics that help create a sonic ambience.

The diversity in this disc is really quite profound. From political dance tracks to slower electronically infused ballads Bloc Party seem to have a formula for making their music work really well with the dance beat style.

Musical and lyrical depth is a cornerstone for this band, and that type of creativity is to be applauded.

Even if you don't dance music (like me) Bloc Party will have you grooving and moving before the disc is done. It is this sort of infectious style that will grow on you before you know it. So sound the "Silent Alarm" because there is a Bloc Party taking over.

Will Kanye's "Late Registration" match up to "The College Dropout"?

Dennys Rodriguez
Contributing Writer

This summer is going to be so hot in the music industry that we can already feel the fire with hot blazin' singles from Fat Joe, Cassidy, Mike Jones, Busta Rhymes, Pitbull and many more. But the number one lookout for album of the summer will be Kanye West's "Late Registration."

Word on the street is that West is almost finished with the follow up album to his highly successful "College Dropout." "Late Registration" is one of the most highly anticipated albums of the year. West proved himself lyrically with the success of "Dropout" and will provide award-winning tracks in his upcoming album. There is no word on who is making a guest appearances in the album, but if West's new album is anything like the "Dropout," I give it 4 1/2-5 ROK's. There are several exclusive tracks out on the Internet right now, but there is no telling which will make the final album, including "Gorgeous," "Hey Mama," "I Need to Know," "Niggaz Gossip," "Out of Your Mind," "Peace" and "Wow."

Upcoming releases, from Hip-hop Galaxy.com

DJ. D-ROK's Top 5 Hip Hop Tracks, Summer 05.

Hate it or Love it — The Game & 50 Cent
So Much More — Fat Joe
Just a lil bit — 50 Cent
1 Thing (remix) — Amerie & Eve
I'm a hustler — Cassidy & Mary J Blige
Sleepers.
I Run New York — 50 Cent & Tony Yayo
Lo que paso, paso — Daddy Yankee
My Fo, Fo — Fat Joe
So Seductive — Tony Yayo & 50 Cent
Get Loose — T.I.
Just a moment — Nas & Quan
Art of War — Foxy Brown
Don't Trip — Trina & Lil' Wayne
Live by the Gun — Tony Yayo
Peace — Kanye West

Put your message upfront and personal

Lauren McCarthy
A-life Editor

Let me ask you a question. Is who you are, what you wear? Or better yet, is what you wear, who you are?

It is now! The new fad is out: t-shirts with a message across the chest. These t-shirts are one of the summer's hottest fashion developments. They're hot! You can spot one of these t-shirts on almost any college or high school campus. Even, movie stars are sporting them.

It's casual, it's simple, it's a plain, cotton t-shirt. Dress it up or dress it down with a pair of jeans or leather pants.

So, what will your's say?

"I lie to girls," junior Chris McConnel said about his shirt. "It gives a sense of mystery to the guy. The girl is wondering, does he really lie or not?"



Photo by Talon staff

Many believe that the so-called "attitees" are a bit over the top. Maybe they are portray-

ing a little too much about that person. Are these t-shirts becoming offensive?

This fashion trend is commonly spotted on young girls. Certain t-shirts saying “SLUT” or “Fondle with

care” or even “You’ve been a bad boy. Go to my room.” Are causing some controversy. Are these messages merely funny, or proposing another issue, promiscuity?

However, many girls own these so-called "promiscuous" shirts.

First-year student Leigha Tims said, "My favorite shirt shows a monster truck on the front and says, 'I like boys with big toys.'"

Now, some people could take this

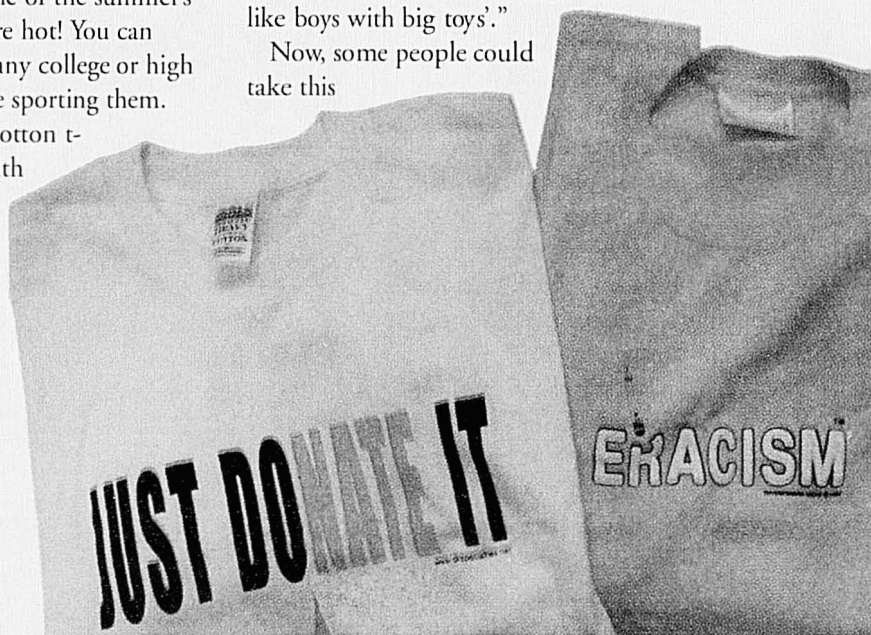


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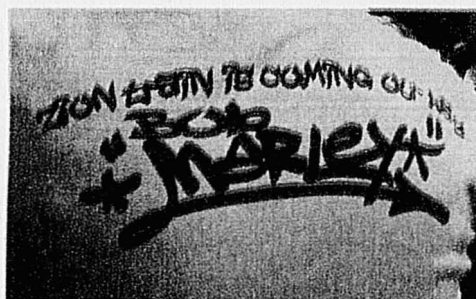


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Some of the shirts that can be found on Avila students.

shirt literally, but many would see it simply as fun.

"I wear it around my friends and they know me," Tims said. "If they can't take a joke, then I really don't care anyways."

Senior Jessica Fiebrich has a fixation with the “attitees”.

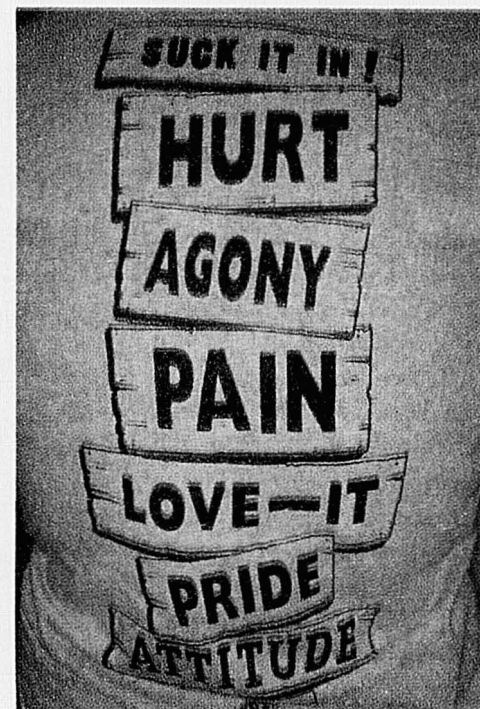


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"Between my roommate and I, we own nearly 40 shirts," Fiebrich said. "I think they are cute, comfortable and definitely funny. One of my favorites is 'Commitment. Sticking to the same brand of beer all night.'"

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